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On December 12, 2003, agreement was reached with Examiner Tran regarding final claim amendments. The authorized changes are as follows:

Claim 1. Line 3, delete the word "comprising" and change the ",", to a --;-- after the word "container." After line 3, insert --an inert gas containing less than 4% residual oxygen disposed within the container and within the dough;--Line 4, insert --said dough comprising-- before the word "flour."

With these changes, claim 1 reads as follows:

1. A ready-to-use dough article, comprising:
a substantially gas-impermeable container;
a dough disposed within the container;
an inert gas containing less than 4% residual oxygen disposed within the container and within the dough;
said dough comprising flour and fat that are untreated by heat when mixed together and sugar wherein the ratio of sugar to flour is in a range of about 0.0 to 0.75 to 1, wherein the dough is storable without refrigeration.

We agreed that claim 2 would be canceled. We also agreed that claims 16-26 and claims 27-28 would be canceled.

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We agreed that claim 30 would be amended to depend from claim 1. We agreed to cancel a reference to "biscuit dough" in claim 30. With these changes, claim 30 reads as follows:

30. The dough article of claim 1 wherein the dough is pizza dough or English muffins.

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